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## 1. SUMMARY:

- THE WEIZMAN AFFAIR.
- WEST BANK UNREST.
- BLACK HEBREWS.
- SYRIAN ARMY DEPLOYMENT NEAR JORDANIAN BORDER.
- U.S., ISRAELI, EGYPTIAN SUMMITRY.
- ANTISEMITISM IN THE U.S.

END SUMMARY

## 2. THE WEIZMAN AFFAIR:

A) HA'ARETZ WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT GIDEON SAMET REPORTS THAT "MR. WEIZMAN'S OUSTER FROM KERUT AND THE SOVABLES WITHIN THE LABOR PARTY HAVE CONFIRMED WASHINGTON OBSERVERS' ESTIMATION THAT EARLY ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL ARE INESCAPABLE AND THAT THE AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS WHICH STALLED IN RECENT MONTHS WOULD NOT BE REVIVED UNLESS THE ISRAELI SCENE BECOMES CLEAR." IN ADDITION, THE OUSTER OF THE FORMER DEPMIN. IS SEEN BY THOSE OBSERVERS AS SIGNALLING THE STRENGTHENING OF MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS IN THE LIKUD, SAYS THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT.

B) HA'ARETZ COLUMNIST YOEL MARCUS SAYS AFTER A TALK WITH MR. WEIZMAN THAT "IT IS TOO EARLY TO PUT ONE'S EGGS IN WEIZMAN'S BASKET OR EVEN RISK EATING ICE-CREAM WITH HIM. EVEN THOUGH HE HAS AGAIN TAKEN THE HEADLINES BY STORM, I CAME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE HIMSELF IS NOT QUITE CLEAR ABOUT HIS FUTURE MOVES.... HE TALKS TOO MUCH IN IF'S AND MAYBE'S FOR HIS FRESH ONSLAUGHT TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT A GRAIN OF SALT." ACCORDING TO COLUMNIST MARCUS, "WEIZMAN IS MAKING NO SECRET OF HIS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR A NEW PARTY .... HE HAS NO CLEAR-CUT COURSE OF ACTION IN MIND FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS...." WHAT WEIZMAN BANKS ON, SAYS MARCUS, IS THAT "THE LIKUD WILL CRUMBLE AND THE ALIGNMENT'S INTERNAL STRIFE WILL TURN OFF THE VOTERS...."

## 3. WEST BANK UNREST:

A) MEDIA FRONTPAGE "MORE" STUDENT AND PUBLIC UNREST IN VARIOUS WEST BANK CITIES, INCLUDING THE BIR-ZEIT UNIVERSITY. A NUMBER OF PAPERS CITE "MILITARY SOURCES" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PLO IS BEHIND THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND THAT ITS GOAL IS TO "ASSERT ITS POSITION" ON THE EVE OF THE AMMAN ARAB SUMMITRY. SAME SOURCES REPORTEDLY WARN THAT "MORE STRIDENT MEASURES" WILL BE TAKEN IF DISTURBANCES OF PUBLIC PEACE SHOULD CONTINUE.

B) HA'ARETZ COMMENTATOR ELIAHU SALPETER CHARGES THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL EITAN "ARE INCAPABLE OF GRASPING WHAT HAPPENS TO ISRAEL'S IMAGE ABROAD WHEN THE U.S. MEDIA REPORT THAT WEST BANK SCHOOL-GIRLS HAD BEEN FIRED AT, UNDER THE HEADING 'THEY ALSO SHOOT KIDS, DON'T THEY'...." SALPETER GOES ON TO SAY THAT "AN UTTER IMPERVIOUSNESS TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IS ONE OF THE ILLS OF THIS GOVERNMENT," AND THAT "THERE IS AN AWAKENING ONLY WHEN FOREIGN REACTION CAN BE USED IN THE FIERCE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DUEL...." ALL ISRAELI ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE INFLUENCE OF PETRO-DOLLARS OR THE REVIVAL OF ANTISEMITISM WILL DO NO GOOD, CONCLUDES THE HA'ARETZ WRITER, IF WHAT THE WORLD IS MADE TO SEE IS ISRAELI SOLDIERS FIRING FROM ROOFTOPS ON WEST BANK SCHOOLGIRLS FLATTENED OUT ON THE ROAD....

## 4. BLACK HEBREWS:

A) ACCORDING TO HAARIV OF NOV. 24, "A SECRET REPORT SENT BY ISRAELI POLICE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. MICHAEL EUCHNER CONTAINS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE BLACK HEBREWS IN THE U.S. HAVE FORMED TIES WITH ANTI-ISRAELI ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE PLO." THE REPORT, SAYS HAARIV, DEALS MAINLY WITH "CRIMINAL" ACTIVITIES OF THE BLACK HEBREWS. PAPER ADDS THAT ISRAELI POLICE CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF SAID REPORT AND THAT IT WAS "AUTHORITATIVE," BUT THAT IT WAS NOT AS YET SUBSTANTIATED.

## 5. SYRIAN ARMY MOVEMENTS NEAR JORDANIAN BORDER:

A) PRESS REPORTS THAT ISRAEL "KEEPS AN OPEN EYE" ON THE

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DEPLOYMENT OF SYRIAN TROOPS NEAR THE SYRIAN-JORDANIAN BORDER. THE SYRIAN MOVE IS SAID TO BE RELATED TO RECENT STRAINS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OVER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE AMMAN ARAB SUMMIT AND THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR.

6. "FOUR-WAY WASHINGTON SUMMIT POSSIBLE," REPORTS YEDIOT CORRESPONDENT ARIE ZIMUKI. IT MAY BE HELD AROUND INAUGURATION AND COMPRISE CARTER, REAGAN, SADAT AND BEGIN. "THE GOAL OF SUCH A MEETING," SAYS THE UNSOURCED STORY, "WILL BE TO GUARANTEE THE CONTINUATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS ON THE BASIS OF THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS."

7. ANTISEMITISM IN THE U.S.:  
A) YEDIOT CITES A STORY IN A RELIGIOUS PERIODICAL, 'THE RELIGIOUS CAMP,' THAT "20 ANTISEMITIC ORGANIZATIONS CURRENTLY OPERATE IN THE U.S.," AND THAT "SCORES OF JEWISH SYNAGOGUES, COMMUNAL CENTERS, CEMETERIES AND JEWISH RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HURT." THE STORY FURTHER SAYS THAT "THE NEW ANTISEMITIC WAVE HAS SWEEPED THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND THE ADMINISTRATION FEELS EMBARRASSED IN THE FACE OF THIS HATE ISRAEL CAMPAIGN..." REPORTEDLY CITING SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS, THE RELIGIOUS PERIODICAL GOES ON TO SAY THAT U.S. JEWISH LEADERS ARE RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT THEM, FOR FEAR THEY WOULD BE HURT OR THE SITUATION WOULD GET OUT OF HAND.  
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